# PicturesToExe and Mac

## Create PicturesToExe Slideshows on a Macintosh (Apple) computer

### Hardware Requirements

- Intel processor. 1.5 GHz or higher.
- Minimum 4 GB of RAM.
- Minimum 10 GB free storage space.
- Dedicated graphics processor or Integrated graphics processor with minimum 256 MB shared memory. The larger amount of video memory the better.
- List of 2010 and newer compatible hardware: Macbook Pro, Macbook Air, Mac Mini, iMac, Mac Pro.

### Software Requirements

- OS X 10.6 or higher operating system. Latest version of OS X may require latest version of Virtualization Software. Check compatibility before purchasing.
- Select from:
    - VMware Fusion (version 5 or higher)
    - Parallels (version 7 or higher)
- Windows Operating System 32 bit or 64 bit installation media and license (version 7 or higher). Microsoft is no longer supporting Windows XP operating system.
- PicturesToExe license.

### Installing Windows on the Mac

- Create new virtual machine using VMware or Parallels.
- Install from optical disc drive or ISO image file. Enter license key when prompted.
- Configure virtual machine hardware for 1 virtual CPU, 2 GB RAM minimum and 10 GB storage space.
- Configure virtual machine hardware for as much video memory as allowed and 3D acceleration enabled.
- After operating system is installed it is good practice to create a snapshot (backup) of the virtual machine. You can use it as a restore point back to the original installation. You can also clone virtual machines for long term backups.
- It is good practice to update your software often and utilize anti virus software for protection. Also create snapshots on a regular basis for added protection.
- Install PicturesToExe and test.

### Creating Slideshows

- PicturesToExe slideshows created for Windows can play inside the Windows virtual machine.

- PicturesToExe slideshows created for a Mac can be copied by using drag from the Windows desktop to the Mac desktop.
- Double click the zip file to open and then double click on the PTE icon to play the slideshow.
- VMware tools may have to be installed manually for copy and paste to work properly.
- If you run Windows in full screen mode another option is to save to a shared folder.

## Performance Tuning

- With the Windows shutdown (virtual machine off) adjust the virtual machine hardware settings to tune the performance of Windows.
- Depending on your Mac hardware you may want to increase virtual CPUs, system and graphics RAM for higher performance.
- Video RAM is one area that is critical for smooth running slideshows.

- Note: Another option for running Windows on a Mac is Boot Camp (dual boot). This requires a hard drive partition for Windows and Boot Camp utility software installed to map keyboard functions.

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